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Dear Sir:

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Small entity status of this application has been established.

Also attached: IDS, PTO-1449 w/references

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